

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 8 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 4 are amended, and claims 2 and 6 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein. Support for the amendments to claim 1 can be found in claims 1 and 2 as originally filed. Support for the amendments to claim 4 can be found in claims 1, 3 and 4 as originally filed. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Brunsman during the June 13 telephonic interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. Claim Objections

The Office Action objects to claims 2 and 6 as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Applicants thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 2 and 6 contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, claims 2 and 6 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. By this Amendment, claim 1, from which claims 3-5, 7 and 8 directly or indirectly depend, is amended to incorporate the subject matter of its allowable dependent claim 2. Thus, claim 1 and its dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons that original claim 2 is patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 8 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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